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Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 46 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 7 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 20)
☒ 7 Sheet(s) of formal drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
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